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Congratulations to grand marshal of the Cherry Parade, Bill Farris, and his wife Sue. Photo: Dahlia Grossman

Fire Season is Here

By Dahlia Grossman

A fire of unknown origin burned for five days and consumed 16 acres in the Angeles National Forest southwest of Lake Hughes, according to John Wagner, assistant public affairs officer, U.S.D.A. Forest Service. According to Wagner, the fire was near Camp Mendenhall, a juvenile detention facility.

Residents started noticing smoke at about 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 17. The Fire Safe Council was notified and the Volunteers on Patrol were called to duty to direct traffic away from Lake Hughes Road, which was closed for two days. The road and an adjacent area were roped off as a possible crime scene.

By Friday afternoon, the fire was about 75% contained, and crews continued suppressing the blaze all weekend, with helicopters returning to dip into Lake Hughes shortly after dawn on Saturday. It was 100% contained on Monday, but not declared "out" until later in the week.

Wagner said firefighting resources included 130 persons, 3 helicopters, 10 air tankers, 1 lead plane, and 4 Hot Shot crews.

The fire is under investigation. (See photos, page 26.)

Bring the Family to 49ers Day

By Tom Joynt, contributing writer

Kids: 49er's Day is only four weeks away! It's time to do some planning! With 49er's Day approaching fast on Saturday, July 31, you don't have a lot of time to build your financial stockpile. Now is the time to ask for that raise in allowance or hustle some chores for money.

Why? 'Cause you're going to want to buy Mom an ice cream and Dad a hot dog at the big event, aren't you?

49er's Day starts with a great parade at 10 am this year and

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Tutoring Center Opens in Leona Valley

My Kid's Tutoring Center

There's a new tutor in town, someone who brings to our community a wealth of experience, understanding, and caring for children and how they learn.

Judith Carter's experience in education and teaching has spanned some 40 years, from teaching high school in Sierra Leone as a member of the Peace Corps, to Special Day Class, to working for the State Department of Education in developing the Master Plan for Special Education, Resource Specialist, teaching university graduate level courses, and creating The Learning Advantage in Santa Clarita.

Her decision to open a center locally happened when she was approached by a few parents, saying why not here in the Lakes Community. So, the exploration began.....

Judith loves the community feeling, the sense of welcoming and appreciation, and working together. Judy grew up in a small town and loved the feeling of community and of knowing everybody in town. It must be true what they say, "You can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl!"

My Kid's Tutoring Center is a private specialized learning center for children 5 to

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CONTACT THE YODELER

Ads, payments and articles for the August 1 issue must be received by July 15. Send submissions to dahlia.grossman@verizon.net and payments to Mountain Yodeler, Box 444, Lake Hughes, CA 93532.

For more information, call 661-724-1293 or 965-2201.

Waste Management Helps us Clean Up

By Laura "cha" Vernetti, contributing writer

Green Valley and the Lakes are looking good thanks to the continued support of WASTE MANAGEMENT. If it were not for Waste Management's generous annual donations of 30-yard rolloff trash bins, our annual "Trash Day" or "Dumpster Day" and free chipping days would not be possible. Once again this year they donated bins for the Lakes Trash Day, Green Valley's Dumpster Day and the USDA Forest Service/Fire Safe Council Free Chipping Days.

The Lakes collected 11.48 tons of trash. Green Valley's numbers are not yet in.

Some residents may not have the resources or the means to transport these items to the Palmdale Land Fill. Resident have come to count on these annual events to clean out their garages, yards and reduce fire risk by removing brush and trim limbs.

Special recognition needs to go to Larry Goetschel, the true Master of the Bins! Truly a thankless position, Larry's bin stacking skills are unsurpassed. Green Valley's Dumpster Day would not take place if not for Larry. Larry has done it year after year whether he was serving on the Green Valley Town Council or not. This year he handled the entire event by himself except for help of one other person who showed up with a load and stayed to help. Thank you to this kind person.

Thank you to Frank Toothaker, who manned the Lakes operation.

Once again, thank you to both of you, to the community and to Waste Management, for your support.

Larry Goetschel, master of the bins. Photo: Dahlia Grossman

Photo (left to right): Lola Mantooth, Diane Parkins, Julie Maple and Steve Martinez.

Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes School—A California Distinguished School

Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes School celebrated the last day of school in a different way. At the beginning of the school day, all the students, staff and parents gathered on the upper field to begin the celebration of becoming a California Distinguished School. Certificates were presented to Mrs. Parkins and Mrs. Maple from George Runner's office (presented by Lisa Molter) and Michael Antonovich's office (presented by Norm Hickling). Kevin McCarthy's office also sent a certificate but a representative could not attend to make the presentation.

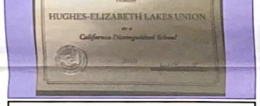
Next, the entire staff of teachers and classified workers were called on stage to receive a Distinguished School pin from Mrs. Parkins, Mrs. Thompson (business director) and Mrs. Skelton (school board president) in appreciation of the hard work they did to receive this honor.

Teachers were also given pencils to hand out to their students that were in red, white and blue and had the name of the school and "California Distinguished School" imprinted on them. Parents were also given pencils at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The final presentation took place because the Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes School is a Distinguished School that cares about others. The school had a fundraiser collection of loose change for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. Sierra Chavez, the student who requested that the school participate in this fundraiser came up and presented a check of the money collected to Michael Dubran and Fred Chavez, representatives of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. Mr. Dubran presented firefighter medallions to Sierra, Mrs. Parkins and Mr. Martinez (student council advisor).

The PTA had arranged for a final school day celebration in honor of becoming a Distinguished School and after the ceremony, students participates in three separate assemblies: a BMX bicycle show, an exotic animal show and a magic show.

Students then came up to the upper field once more to enjoy a luncheon hosted by the PTA that included hot dogs, chips, drinks, snow cones and cotton candy. Students returned to their classrooms after a wonderful day of celebration to say their final good-byes for summer.



THE DIFFERENCE COULD BE HAVING A HOME TO COME HOME TO OR NOT

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Angeles Forest Valleys & Lakes Fire Safe Council

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17 who are experiencing problems in learning, whether it be homework or learning disabilities.

The focus of the program is to provide a service to the community. Even with the best of schools and the best teachers, circumstances alone may make it impossible for each child's needs to be met adequately within the framework of the usual school situation.

The Tutoring Center will bring a multitude of personalized programs for your children, from one-to-one, small groups, to homework support. Our approach is based on a diagnostic/ prescriptive method. Obviously, you need to know what the learning issues are before you can fix them. Thus, Judy will first test, then design a program that will correct the problems. This approach is effective not only with kids with learning problems, but also for the student dealing with algebra or composition.

Judy says, "Many children with learning issues feel bad about school, and their confidence and self-esteem are at the very bottom. So we need to bring these kids back to appreciate their talents and intelligence. Therefore, building self-confidence is a big part of the individualized design. Other components we look at are perceptual development, which includes visual, auditory, and tactical/ kinesthetic." Obviously, this is very important with younger children, but it can play a part with older students as well.

Judy will also look at learning strategies: how kids learn - from the simplest skill, for example, putting their name on their paper or arranging their backpack. She never takes anything for granted; she will explore the child's fullest potential.

She has designed more than 10,000 customized learning programs and can design one for your child. If you feel that your child would benefit from specialized learning assistance, please contact the center for more information at 661-724-9264. We are located in Leona Valley, 8869 Elizabeth Lake Road.

In Loving Memory
Earl "Capp" Loughboro

Long-time Ventura businessman, Earl "Capp" Loughboro, 81, died Sunday, May 23, 2010, at his home in Oak View following a brief illness.

Capp was born March 19, 1929, in Long Beach, and lived in Ventura County his whole life. Capp was an electronics engineer and pioneer in the cable industry. He founded "Capp's TV Electronics" in Ventura and continued to operate his business working full time up until a few days before his death.

Lake Hughes residents have been served by Capp's Electronics for their cable service since April 1, 1985. Capp's sons have decided not to continue in the cable business, and customers are being notified that service will end on June 30.

Capp was instrumental in setting up the cable system for the landing of the first Space Shuttle at Edwards Air Force Base and the cable system for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. He was a member of the Society of Television Engineers Order of the Iron Test Pattern.

Capp was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the VFW Ojai Post #11461. He was a long-time member of the Ventura Breakfast Lions Club, and received numerous acclamations and awards for his service to Lions Clubs International.

He served as District Governor of Lions Tri-County District 4-A3 in 1992 to 1993. Capp was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Channel Island Lodge, #214, F&A.M. and member of the Ventura Shrine Club. Capp was an avid golfer.

Capp was a generous supporter of the Lakes communities. When a group of community center volunteers did a two-day marathon to raise money to buy the community center building, Capp televised it on his cable company, enabling Lake Hughes residents to raise $10,000.00 in one weekend. He was also happy to televise our 49er's Day parade whenever asked.

Earl "Capp" Loughboro

His wife of 57 years, Dolly Loughboro, died in 2007. Capp is survived by his son William Glen Loughboro of Oak View, daughter Debra Vann of Michigan, sisters Alice Lee of Ventura, and Betty Coffey of Carpinteria, brother John Patrick Loughboro of Redondo Beach, granddaughter Krista Vann of Indiana, and grandson Danny Vann, who is serving in the United States Army.

Condolences may be left at www.tedmayrfuneralhome.com

Following are a few messages that were left:

* "Hi Boss, I know your up there with your meter trying to improve St. Peters cable, tell him a couple of good jokes. You were a great teacher and mentor. You'll be missed. God Bless!" Gil Yniguez (Oxnard)

* "A true man and friend gone but still with all of us." H.B. Scotty Flink

* "Capp. Thank you for making our world a better place to live. You have given up so much of your time and love to help out all the veterans and those less fortunate than us."

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and everyone marches through downtown Lake Hughes.

Maybe you're in the parade – great! Go ahead, step on the double yellow line! You own the road cause it's closed!

Then, at the Lakes Community Center you enter for free if you are under the age of 12.

Once inside, there are vendors, games, demonstrations, raffle prizes, food, music, and lots of things to see.

Every year, 49er Day is the big fundraiser for the Community Center. And, every year the money raised helps pay the bills and then some of it goes into the Building Improvement fund. Year after year, the fund grows little by little. So, what happened this year? They finally spent the fund on building improvements! FINALLY! You can take a tour of the newly completed east wing of the main building and see the new bathrooms, new hallway, new historic learning center room, new drinking fountain, new steps, and new landscaping. It's a place to be proud of because you helped get it to what it is by going to 49er Day!

So, get Grandpa's old pocket watch, hold it up, stare at it, swing it back and forth and repeat these words in a monotone voice: "I will blow my allowance at 49er Day, I will spend my savings at 49er Day, I will convince my sister to do the same." Don't worry; it will be a great day 'cause you helped make it happen. And if Dad gets a little mustard on his chin, tell him yellow is a good color for him!

And don't forget to tell Mom about the diamond necklace and ring that will be raffle prizes!!!

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Recipe of the Month

Jim Rogers' Chicken Noodle Soup

2nd prize at the Lakes Community Center Soup Cookoff

1 Costco roasted chicken
6 quarts water
1 onion quartered
5 teaspoons salt
3 tomatoes, quartered
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
½ teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
8 cups of veggies chopped:
2 cups celery
2 cups carrots
1 cup broccoli
1 cup cauliflower
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 large onion chopped medium fine

Place whole Costco chicken (skin and all) in a large pot with six quarts of water and 1 large onion, quartered. Add 5 teaspoons of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 ½ hours.

Remove chicken and cool it until it can be handled. Discard onions from the broth. Discard skin and bones from chicken. Cut meat into small pieces and put back into broth. Add quartered tomatoes, chopped vegetables, crushed thyme and oregano. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes. Add egg noodles, simmer for 8-10 minutes or until noodles are done.

Makes 12-15 servings

Where Nature is Your Neighbor

Nature photographer Karen Graham took these photos of turtles, ducks and a great egret.

Conservancy Seeks Volunteers

Lakes and Valleys Conservancy (LVC) asked The Lakes Town Council to reactivate the Community Standards and Land Use Committee at the June council meeting. The purpose of the committee as stated in *the council bylaws is as follows:*

Shall serve as liaison for the Council with respect to growth and land use policies with governmental agencies, as well as public and private interest groups, under the direction and approval of the Council.

There are some large land parcels that may be developed and there are concerns about infrastructure, as well as loss of wildlife habitat. If you share these concerns and would like to sit on the committee, contact Jim Walker at *lakestowncouncil.com.*

Conservancy volunteer Karen Graham is also a talented local photographer! Here are some of her recent photos of the area.

Speaking of volunteers, LVC is seeking help with certain specific tasks, as well as input from biologists and other professionals. We are looking for individuals to do online research from home which will only take an hour or two per week to accomplish.

LVC needs help with grant research and grant writing. We also need office equipment and grants for operational costs. In addition, *there may be general* research that needs to be carried out.

Volunteer Tirzah Rodgers had this to say about helping the Conservancy: "Volunteering for the Lakes and Valleys Conservancy has been rewarding in seeing the good that it's done for the entire community. So far I've seen more than a thousand pounds of trash pulled out of Elizabeth Lake (in just a few hours) and many people getting wise about how precious these natural treasures are to us."

"This has made me very proud to be a member of this community; prouder than I've felt elsewhere, simply because of this organization. *I encourage anyone looking for little commitment, but great returns on their time investment to check out helping the LVC."*

Please contact us if you would like to help. 661.886.3015 or email info@lakesandvalleysconservancy.org

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Letter to the Editor
Vandalism in Green Valley

Dear Neighbors,

I'm writing this letter to inform all of you of a recent spree of vandalism and property damage crimes in our town. Multiple homes have been attacked and suffered tens of thousands of dollars in damage. These homes were chosen completely at random. Yours could be next.

Several reports have been filed with the Palmdale Sheriff's Department, but they feel that there may be more victims who have not reported. If you have been victimized you should call and report it to them at 661/272-2400.

While the intent behind these attacks may be considered harmless pranks the damage that has been caused is not. When items are "egged" they suffer significant damage. Egg does not wash off of stucco, wood or brick, stains cement, and immediately erodes the paint off of vehicles.

Please understand that the criminal responsibility when damage has reached the amount that these recent attacks have caused is significant. Over $10,000 in property damage constitutes a felony, a one year prison sentence, a $50,000 fine and the conviction will stay on their record for their entire lifetime (see attached copy of California Penal Code 594).

If you are a parent who has a teen under the age of 18 in their home, that you may suspect is involved in these attacks, you should know that you will be held financially liable for any damages, lawyer's fees, court costs, fines, civil suits, etc.

Some of the homes that have been damaged have now taken security measures so if the spree continues it may only be a matter of time before the vandals are caught. The vandals are not in a vehicle, which suggests that they are either not yet old enough to drive or that they do not have access to a vehicle late at night. There is also strong evidence that suggests that they are students at Quartz Hill High School.

So please be vigilant. If you see a group of teens walking the streets late at night (10:00 pm to 2:00 am), or buying eggs at one of our local stores, then they very well may be the vandals that are terrorizing some of our neighbors. Also, if you have teens in your home and eggs keep disappearing from your refrigerator, it would again be in your best interest to find out what is going on.

If you have information on these crimes please call the Palmdale Sheriff's Department.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Hopefully this will help return Green Valley to the peaceful and beautiful community it has always been.

LAKES WOMANS CLUB

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Wed., July 12 at 7 pm
Lakes Community Center

All Lakes and Valleys women welcome!

For information about joining the Lakes Womans Club, call Judy at 724-2382.

Lakes Woman's Club met at Crazy Otto's for their installation of new officers and to award BillyeJo Johnson with a commendation for her 25 years of service.

GEEZERS ON THE GO!

By Norm Judd

Geezer – "An odd or eccentric man" not necessarily "old." Isn't everyone odd in someone else's view?

Uninhibited by bylaws, responsibilities, or dues, Geezers from 50 to 80 engage in stimulating discussions concerning politics, sports, community events, and humiliating medical procedures. *We proclaim love of God, country, and families,* and respect (almost) everyone. We live full, charitable, honest lives, while remaining incredibly humble.

Recently we lost Al Carlson, an extraordinarily talented Geezer, who made us notable with tongue-in-cheek writing and artistic characterizations. We cherish memories of 10 great years with Al.

Deputy Bill Axelrod remains active from South Pasadena, and Roger Gillen is migrating north to straighten out San Francisco! Don Wilder rides a "hog" (motorcycle) from Quartz Hill. Brandon Rosenbauer has returned from Oregon.

Having met our rigid standards, Warren St. John, owner of The Rock Inn, and Sollie Bina, a long-time resident were added to our roster.

Warren re-established our sacred place at The Rock for coffee on Friday mornings and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. Women's Club ladies, wives, neighbors and friends join us for delicious dinners.

The following email rallied robust Geezers recently: "Having already achieved high intellect, expertise in Martial Arts, and other noble qualities, we will continue physical improvement by walking entirely around Lake Hughes Friday mornings at 8 a.m. Come armed to the *teeth to fend off cougars, hungry bears, snakes, and* gophers.

"Be hydrated and"take a prostate reduction pill so "relief" will not slow our rapid pace. Dress brightly or some hay truck driver might run over our sorry old butts. The mission ends at The Rock, or where the first Geezer falls face down on the rocky earth."

Later: Readers will be thrilled that all Geezers have *survived so far without emergency assistance!*

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Deputy Schneider – The Right Stuff!

By Norm Judd

When L.A. County Sheriff, Lee Baca outlined the Resident Deputy Program in 2000 at a meeting of The Lakes Town Council he made it clear that deputies selected for those positions would be very special.

Of course deputies must perform well in all areas of our large, busy county where activities often reach a hectic pace but Sheriff Baca elaborated about the nature of policing rural areas such our Lakes and Valleys.

He explained that a close and open relationship with residents was the very essence of the Resident Deputy Program. He even mentioned the possibility of approving "cowboy" style hats to enhance the image of a "Town Sheriff." Administrative obstacles apparently prevented the hat, but the program had a good beginning and residents enjoyed increased public information and close interaction with their deputy.

When Resident Deputy Bob Schneider was profiled in the March 2010 issue of The Mountain Yodeler, his resume was encouraging and residents are lauding his highly visible style and attention to his four communities.

He has readily provided monthly recaps to The Yodeler and attended nearly every town council meeting, apologizing for missing one to celebrate his wedding anniversary. That seems reasonable (and wise)!

I complimented Deputy Schneider for his participation in the recent arrests of two armed illegal aliens (June 2010 issue) alleged to be setting up a pot farm in the forest behind The Painted Turtle, even tapping into their water tank. Following that joint investigation by federal and county law enforcement one illegal was deported while the other remains in custody pending disposition. This activity, visible from my own backyard, was the basis for "Watch Your Back Fence," in the May issue of The Yodeler.

When asked at the June 5 meeting of The Lakes Town Council about rumors that a Mexican drug cartel was linked to these arrests, a pot farm in Leona Valley, and another in Juniper Hills a couple of months ago, Schneider said he was unaware of any such connection.

Discussing the vast, remoteness of The Lakes, Green Valley and Leona Valley, Deputy Schneider said, "The more open I am about my activities, the more people will tell me what's going on in their neighborhoods."

Deeply committed to the concept of Community Policing, Schneider agreed to bring significant sheriff's activities and crime news to the attention of The Mountain Yodeler. However, he clarified that some information may be withheld until investigation and arrests are concluded.

In my opinion Deputy Schneider epitomizes the brand of experienced, personable, and dedicated deputy that Sheriff Baca described years ago.

But he can't be everywhere and our responsibility to this partnership is to report every crime and suspicious circumstance immediately. The phone number at Palmdale Station is 272-2400 or for emergencies, call 911. Resident Deputy Schneider has the right stuff. The Way I See It!

If you would like to discuss this column with Norm, you may call him at 478-2842.

SEE NEWS HAPPENING? CALL THE YODELER AT 724-1293 OR 965-2201.

The Art Guild holds its monthly meeting on the last Sunday of the each month at the gallery on Lake Hughes Road. Photo: Rita Mitchell. See also, Art Page.

Treasure Box Stretches Food Dollars

The Treasure Box provides families and individuals with a 21-25-pound box of frozen grocery-store quality food that normally retails for between $65 and $100 for just $30 each. No qualifiers. No restrictions!

Leona Valley Community Church provides these boxes in our community and neighboring communities once a month. We pick up the boxes that are ordered and bring them to 9306 Leona Ave, Leona Valley, so you can pick them up from us. To order your boxes and see the menus please go to WWW.thetreasurebox.org and get ready to stretch your food dollars.

Just go to the web site and click on "find a location." Put in your zip code and it will place you within 20 miles of your location. Then order your box or boxes and we will do the rest. There is no limit to the number of boxes you can order.

Leona Valley Community Church
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Code 7 Ministries

A food ministry serving the Lakes and Valleys. If you are in need of food or have food to donate (canned goods or dry goods), call Glenn at 270-9016.

PINKER'S PLACE

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Vacation Bible School Starts July 26

Summer days... friends... good times! School is out and if you are searching for something for your family to enjoy together, Church of the Lakes invites you to join us for special times this summer. Friday, July 16th is movie night at the church and it's FREE! The movie is The Hiding Place. Join us for an evening of wholesome entertainment and bring the whole family.

Then, for a week beginning July 26, children—preschool thru 6th grade—are invited to come to the church for an African experience as we gather at the Baobab tree for Vacation Bible School. There will be games, songs, stories, and crafts suitable for each age group as the children learn about God's love and what it means to care for others.

There is no charge but pre-registration is encouraged so we can have enough supplies for everyone. Contact the church at 661-724-1370 to register or better yet, come and join us for Sunday worship and coffee fellowship following the service. Once you're at the church, ask for Tiffiny and she'll get you registered.

I hope you will join us for these events or Sunday services. Don't think of us as strangers; think of us as friends you just haven't met yet!

Have a wonderful summer!
Blessings,
Pastor Joanne

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Letter to the Editor

Town Council Gets High Marks!

Captain Denham, Palmdale Sheriffs Dept to Speak

Under the capable leadership of President Jim Walker, the Lakes Town Council gets high marks for dealing very effectively with issues vital to the preservation of our rural lifestyle. When the election rolls around in November, I hope several readers will respond to serve on the council.

Impressive accomplishments have marked the evolution of our only official government body from the inception of the Lake Hughes Property Owner's Association about 30 years ago. Members now have a powerful voice as they interact with Resident Deputy Sheriff Bob Schneider, Deputy County Supervisor Norm Hickling, and other government officials and private organizations.

Don't miss the open discussion with Captain Bobby Denham, Commanding Officer at Palmdale Sheriff's Station, at the August meeting.

What does it take to be a council candidate? Paraphrasing the bylaws, you only have to be a citizen resident, over 21, with a good reputation and the best interests of the area in mind. Terms are two years, although many choose to run again after realizing the importance of their participation.

Members' prestigious nametags and business cards are very impressive and the tags should be worn proudly at all times, not just during meetings. Unless holidays require an adjustment meetings are monthly on the first Saturday. In July the meeting will be on the 11th, at 8:30 a.m.

Four seats will be open at the November general election so come to the next meeting and talk it up with members and faithful neighbors. I'll see you there!

Sincerely,
Norm Judd, Lake Hughes

CERT Refresher Planned

I am pleased to announce the second CERT Refresher this year for the Antelope Valley.

The refresher will take place Saturday, July 17 at Lancaster City Park, 10th Street West near Avenue K-8 from 8 am to 3:30 pm.

The refresher course curriculum is still being developed and will be formally announced within the next week.

ALL CERT trained individuals living in the Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley and surrounding areas are welcome to attend.

This information and updated itinerary will be posted at www.antelopevalleycert.com as soon as we have the information.

Please mark this date on your calendar and pass the word.

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Roger Gillen, flanked by fellow Geezers Bill Axelrod (left) and Norm Judd, is presented with a t-shirt commemorating his election as the Geezers first president.

Gillen Honored

The Lakes Town Council presented Roger Gillen with a commendation for his many years of community service. The council's resolution follows:

RESOLUTION
Relative to Commending Roger Gillen

Whereas, the Lakes Town Council's objectives are to provide a public forum for the purpose of gathering community views, ideas, and concerns on issues that affect the community, and;

Whereas, the Lakes Town Council represents the interests of the community and encourages citizen involvement, and;

Whereas, citizen involvement in the community is the keystone to an effective democracy and the community's success, and;

Whereas, the Lakes Community is fortunate to have involved citizens that serve as community role models, and;

Whereas, certain citizens emerge to unselfishly perform community service above and beyond the call of duty without expectation or desire for compensation or remuneration, and;

Whereas, Roger Gillen is such a citizen who has donated his time, energy and talents to the Lakes Community by these actions, among others: Served six years on the Lakes Town Council, including serving as council president; served 6 years as the president of the Lake Hughes Property Owner's Association; serving as a prominent member of the "Geezers" for more than 20 years, served seven years as a board member of the Association of Rural Town Councils; and played a significant role in obtaining a resident deputy sheriff for the Lakes Community;

Now, therefore, we, the members of the Lakes Town Council, resolve that Roger Gillen deserves commendation, recognition, and honor for his dedicated and outstanding service to the Lakes Community and is thereby awarded the community status of an Outstanding Citizen.

Introducing Dave Ramsey

Who Is Dave Ramsey?

Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert, popular national radio personality and the author of three New York Times bestsellers – The Total Money Makeover, Financial Peace Revisited and More Than Enough.

In them, Ramsey exemplifies his life's work of teaching others how to be financially responsible, so they can acquire enough wealth to take care of loved ones, live prosperously into old age, and give generously to others.

Ramsey knows first-hand what financial peace means in his own life, having lived a true rags-to-riches to rags-to-riches story. By age 26 he had established a $4,000,000 real estate portfolio, only to lose it by age 30. He has since rebuilt his financial life and now devotes himself full time to helping ordinary people understand the forces behind their financial distress and how to set things right financially, emotionally and spiritually.

Ramsey offers life-changing financial advice as host of a nationally syndicated radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show, which is heard by 4.5 million listeners each week on 450 radio stations throughout the United States. His syndicated column, Dave Says, can be read in more than 300 print and online publications worldwide.

Ramsey is the creator of Financial Peace University (FPU), a 13-week program that helps people dump debt, get control of their money and learn new behaviors with money that are founded on commitment and accountability.

More than a million families have attended FPU classes at their workplace, church, military base, non-profit organization or community group. The average family pays off $5,300 in debt and saves $2,700 in the first 91 days after beginning FPU, and is completely out of debt – except for their mortgage – in just 18 to 24 months.

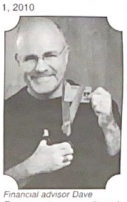
Ramsey created a group of products in an effort to teach children about money before they have a chance to make mistakes. Foundations in Personal Finance is an all-inclusive school curriculum that is currently in more than 2,000 schools across the country.

Financial Peace, Jr. is an instructional kit designed to help parents teach their young children about working, saving and giving their money. Through Ramsey's entertaining children's book series, The Super Red Racer, Careless at the Carnival, The Big Birthday Surprise, My Fantastic Fieldtrip, A Special Thank You and Battle of the Chores, children learn about working, saving, giving and spending money.

Ramsey earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Real Estate from the University of Tennessee. A frequent speaker around the country at large-scale live events, Ramsey is a passionate and inspiring presenter who is at ease on both sides of the mic. More than 500,000 people have attended his live events.

He resides with his wife, Sharon, and their three children, Denise, Rachel, and Daniel, in Nashville, Tennessee.

His radio show can be heard on KFWB weekday mornings from 9 to noon.



Financial advisor Dave Ramsey cuts up a credit card.

Dave Says

A syndicated column by Dave Ramsey

The rule is no new debt.

Dear Dave,

My wife wants to go back to school to complete her degree. Right now, we're on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we're about 12 months away from being debt-free, except for our house. Should we work the budget to cash flow her going back to school now, or wait until we're out of debt and have our emergency fund in place?

Scott

Dear Scott,

If you can find room in your budget to pay for it, and all it does is slow down the getting-out-of-debt process a little bit, then I think it's a great idea.

The main thing is that I don't want you taking on any more debt to make it happen. You guys can see light at the end of the tunnel right now, so I don't want you taking a big leap backward by piling on a bunch of student loans!

Education with a purpose is a fabulous thing. I'm all about school and learning, but the idea of going to college just to collect degrees is a little silly. Knowledge—not degrees—is the currency of the new millennium.

The more you know, the more tools you have in your belt. That's why I still read like a maniac. It helps me stay up to speed with things I need to know to do my job better!

—Dave

Count the company match?

Dear Dave,

You recommend investing 15 percent of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. Should you count your employer's company match as part of that percentage?

Ben

Dear Ben,

You can, but I'd prefer that you didn't. Employers and employment situations can change at the drop of a hat. I'd rather see you put in 15 percent. That way, you don't have to rely on someone else to complete your retirement savings plan.

It's not your employer's responsibility—or any one else's—to make sure you have money to live on in your old age. Stick 15 percent in there yourself, Ben. Then, if your employer does match workplace contributions, it'll be that much sweeter!

—Dave

Self-employment for the summer?

Dear Dave,

I'm a college student in Utah, and I compete with lots of other students for summer jobs. Do you have any suggestions for debt-killing work?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

My best suggestion for debt-killing work in that kind of situation has always been self-employment. You'll make a lot more money cutting grass, walking dogs, or detailing cars. You can control your time, too. Plus, you'll make a lot more per hour than you will at any mall job. By the time they take taxes and everything out of that, you'll almost wish you hadn't bothered!

A few years ago, I knew a couple of college guys who pooled their money and bought a pressure washer and some other equipment to start a business. They came to the house, washed and re-sealed our driveway, and I paid them a few hundred dollars apiece for the job. It took all day, but they walked away with their pockets full of money. You'd have to flip a lot of burgers to match that!

You can make some serious summer cash if you'll look at yourself as a small-business owner and not someone's employee. I'm not going to lie to you. If you take this route, you're probably going to be involved in some pretty hard work. But the truth is, you'll never make really good money without doing some pretty hard work!

—Dave

* For more financial help, please visit daveramsey.com.

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The Art Page
Todd Cooper
Art Editor

state of the ART in our community

LPA/LVAG Fine Art Photography

A Juried Fine Art Photography show sponsored jointly by members of the Lancaster Photography Association (LPA) and the Lakes and Valleys Art Guild (LVAG) will be on exhibit at the LVAG gallery from July 10 through August 1, 2010, at the Gallery in Lake Hughes, CA.

The public is invited to join the artists at the gallery on Saturday, July 10th between 12 and 5 PM for a traditional art reception to view the fine art works and celebrate the occasion. Beverages and Hors D oeuvres will be provided.

A photography contest will be held in conjunction with the show. The Photography Exhibit will be judged, along with a critique of the entries, during the reception. Judging will be provided by a highly qualified Photography Judge. Best of Show, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention Awards will be presented to the winners following the contest. These Critiques have become a very popular feature of our shows because they provide a unique learning experience for the Photographers, Artists, and members of the community interested in learning more about photography and Art. This has been a very popular feature in all of our Contests and Gallery Shows. Works entered in the show may be purchased by the general public.

The Lakes and Valleys Art Guild produces a new exhibit every month featuring local and regional Artists, Sculptors, and Photographers, along with hosting popular Community Social Events on special occasions. The LVAG also features an active Members Gallery with an ever changing variety of fine art paintings, sculptures, original jewelry, miniatures, special occasion cards and books, as well as other beautiful gift items. The Gallery always welcomes new members to its activities that promote the arts in the mountain communities, the Antelope Valley, and Santa Clarita Valley.

Information and guidelines for the Fine Arts Gallery Show

Each member may submit up to three pictures. If there is space available the curator may hang additional pictures from any individual in the interest of improving the show.

The minimum size, including the frame and mat, is 11 X 14 inches. Maximum size will be determined by the space available, and the quality of the work. Pictures on photographic paper should be framed and mounted behind glass or Plexiglas. Pictures printed on artists canvas may be mounted without glass.

Laminated pictures mounted on wood or composition board, with or without printed borders, may be entered, with the same minimum size limitations as above. Glass is not required on Laminations.

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LVAG NOTES

Members! Sign up for gallery sitting! Just put your name on the calendar at the gallery.

LVAG logo merchandise is available at **www.zazzle.com/TheCoyoteStudios/LVAG**

The next LVAG general meeting will be Sunday **July 25, 2010, 2pm**, at the Lakes & Valleys Gallery, 43751 Lake Hughes Rd, Lake Hughes.

Butler's, The Browns and BYOB

By Dahlia Grossman
Editor/publisher

More and more people are discovering Butler's Coffee, Palmdale's new coffeehouse, restaurant, and musical showcase. The owners, Pam and Dave Logan, are among the friendliest and kindest people I know and they personally make everyone eating at Butler's feel welcome. The food is so delicious that I often drive 20 extra miles on my way to work to pick up a veggie wrap to go.

About two years ago, while studying English, Irish and Scottish history, I developed a great love for the Irish and Scottish people and their music. When I found out that Butler's owner Pam Logan and her two sisters, Laura and Diane, have a well known band that performs traditional Irish and Scottish music, I was very eager to hear them. I arrived at the restaurant about two hours early to make sure I got a good seat, and I was not disappointed.

After the performance, I bought all three of their CDs and I'm now planning to learn Gaelic (the Irish language) so I can understand the ancient songs that are part of their repertoire.

Besides singing Irish and Scottish music, all three of the Brown sisters write original music, and on May 27, Laura Brown-Sorenson performed several of her songs. She recently put together a backup band called BYOB, and every member of the band is an outstanding musician in his own right. When the band struck their first chord and Laura started singing, I couldn't stop smiling for the rest of the evening.

Shown in the photo are (at left) singer/songwriter Laura Brown-Sorenson, Pam Logan, backup vocals; Bob Taylor, guitar and banjo; Mark Burgess, lead and slide guitars; and David Sprowl, bass. Max Taylor, on drums and keyboard is not shown in the photo.

A variety of acoustic bands play at Butler's and once a month there is an open mike, which gives people a chance to showcase new material.

Butler's Coffee is located at 40125 10th Street West in Palmdale (in the strip mall at the corner of 10th St. W and O-8, across from Super WalMart). Their phone number 272-9530 and website is butlerscoffee.com/ They are open seven days per week. Tell them you read about them in *The Yodeler*.

Photo: Will Brown

Green Valley's 4th of July Parade Entry Application

No Fees to Enter

8 am: Line-up at Staging Area 9 am: Judging Starts 10 am: Parade Begins

The parade staging area is located at the corner of Spunky Cy. Rd. and Calle Cascarron. Follow the signs and report to the parade master. There will be an emcee for the procession from beginning to end.

Please select the division you wish to enter (Circle only one)

Division #1: Tractor groups
Division #2: Bikes and walkers
Division #3: Floats/ATVs
Division #4: Antique cars
Division #5: Equestrian
Division #6: Pets
Division #7: All others

Please complete and sign the following application and bring it to the staging area.

Name_____
Business Name (if sponsoring) _____
Address:_____City_____Zip_____
Phone:_____
Number in group ____ Division # ____

I have entered the above-numbered Division in the Green Valley Days Parade on the July 4th, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the Green Valley Charitable Hall entity, et al, the Parade Committee and any/all persons from any/all loss, damage, injury and/or liability resulting from my entry and participation in these events. I am at least 18 years of age. (If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign.)

Applicant's Signature: _____
Date_____
Parade Committee Assigned Number _____

Parade ends at G.V.C.H. with live band, good food, drinks, kids games, chicken bingo, silent auction, and lots of fun. Vendors call Cheryl for info. at 270-1039

"There's No Crying In Baseball"

Join Leona Valley Sertoma in sponsoring an evening watching the Jet Hawks vs. The Bakersfield Blaze.

This is a fabulous fundraising evening to raise money for children's charities. It's a "feel good" evening, so please bring your family and friends.

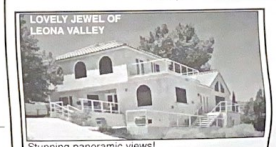
Date: July 31, 2010
Time: 7:00 pm
Price: All tickets are $6.00 per person

For information and tickets call Jan Clark @ 661-270-9268

AV Libertarian Party to Meet

The AV Libertarian Party will hold its monthly supper club meeting on July 16 at Greenhouse Cafe in the AV Mall. *Supper Club meets at 7 pm and the business meeting is at 8 pm.*

The food is good and the company better so be sure to show up!



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soldiers page

By Jan Carlson, staff writer

The Soldiers Page is back after a couple of month's absence!

I am thankful for all the kind people who continue to bring stuff over to be shipped out to the military on our list. I know they appreciate it, every bit of it!

There have been several changes since the last article in the names on the list. Three of the soldiers have returned home, so others will be added.

If you have a family member or friend who is in the military, please send their name to The Mountain Yodeler or to me so we can add them to our list. They do not have to live locally to be on the list as we are happy just to send packages to our military overseas.

June has been a bad month for casualties overseas, so please keep the soldiers in your prayers that they be safe while over there.

Fly your flag!! Be proud to be an American!! Show your pride by flying your flag!

The weather is getting hot in Iraq and Afghanistan, so neck coolers and summer things are needed to ship. Water guns are a good thing to send. It is too hot to send chocolate right now unless it is in baggies so when it melts, they can put it in a freezer to harden before they eat it.

Wrapped candy, gum, jerky, cotton socks, wash cloths, foot powder, deodorant, insect spray, more foot powder, laundry sheets (Bounce, etc.) for shoes and bunks, DVDs (movies or music), trail mix, granola bars, "pop top" food, small toys, playing cards, small fold up umbrellas for shade, magazines, crossword puzzles, paperback books, small sewing kits, eye drops, lip balm are just a few items to send. I know there are other things I have not mentioned, so if you have an idea of something to send, let me know or bring it on over.

My email is jarlene112@msn.com, address is 43008 Lesina Dr., Lake Elizabeth. Phone 724-0141 if you have any questions.

Now is the time to start thinking about what you can donate to our annual yard sale for the soldiers.

The sale will be on October 23-24th this year, rain or shine. We need lots of things to be donated, so start now cleaning out those closets, garages and barnyards! We will take anything you can donate. Last year, one of the biggest sellers was rusty tools, rakes, shovels and hardware. Don't think what you have may be too rusty or old, because there is someone out there who will be looking for just what you have to donate!

You can start donating any time. We prefer to get big furniture in October if at all possible. If not, we will find a place to store it until the sale. We do not want to turn any donation away! And we do need lots of furniture!!

Thank you, again, to all of you who have continued to support this effort for the past eight years. It has been a long time, but as long as there are American soldiers fighting a war, we will send packages. At least as long as I am able to!

This will be the seventh annual yard sale.

You have all shown your love and appreciation to these soldiers through your donations, cards and letters. I know they appreciate your generosity and caring.

MAY GOD BLESS THIS AIRLINE CAPTAIN.

He writes: My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have an H.R. on this flight." (H.R. stands for human remains.)

"Are they military?" I asked.

"Yes," she said.

"Is there an escort?" I asked.

"Yes. I already assigned him a seat."

"Please tell him to come to the flight deck. You can board him early," I said.

A short while later, a young army sergeant entered the flight deck and I asked him about his soldier. The escorts of these fallen soldiers talk about them as if they are still alive and still with us.

"My soldier is on his way back to Virginia," was all he said.

I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he said no. I told him that he had the toughest job in the military and that I appreciated the work that he does for the families of our fallen soldiers. The first officer and I got up out of our seats to shake his hand. He left the flight deck to find his seat.

We completed our preflight checks and performed an uneventful departure. About 30 minutes into our flight I received a call from the lead flight attendant in the cabin. She told me that the father, mother, wife and two-year old daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home.

The family was upset because they were unable to see the container that the soldier was in before we left. We were on our way to a major hub at which the family was going to wait four hours for the connecting flight home to Virginia.

The father of the soldier told the flight attendant that knowing his son was below him in the cargo compartment and being unable to see him was too much for him and the family to bear. He had asked the flight attendant if they could be allowed to see him upon our arrival.

The family wanted to be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane. I could hear the desperation in the flight attendants voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do.

I contacted the dispatcher directly, explaining the situation I had with the family and what they wanted. He said he understood and that he would get back to me.

Two hours went by and I had not heard from the dispatcher. We were going to get busy soon and I needed to know what to tell the family. I sent a text message asking for an update. The following was his reply:

"Captain, upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains, with a secondary van for the family. The family will be taken to their departure area and escorted into the terminal, where the remains can be seen on the ramp in a private area for the family only.

"Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks."

I printed the message and gave it to the lead flight attendant to pass on to the father. The lead flight attendant told me, "You have no idea how much this will mean to them."

Things started getting busy for the descent, approach and landing. After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area. When we entered the ramp and checked in with the ramp controller, we were told that all traffic was being held for us.

It looked like it was all coming together until I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off everyone would stand up at once and delay the family's departure from the airplane.

I stopped the aircraft, set the parking brake, pushed the public address button and said, "Ladies and gentleman, I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His name is Private XXX, a soldier who recently lost his life. Escorting him today is Army Sergeant XXX. Also, on board are his father, mother, wife, and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you."

We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I found the two forward flight attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.

When the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap his hands. Moments later more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of "God Bless You, I'm sorry, thank you, be proud" and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane. They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be with their loved one.

Many of the passengers disembarking thanked me for the announcement I had made. "They were just words," I told them. "I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier."

I respectfully ask that all of you reflect on this event and the sacrifices that millions of our men and women have made to ensure our freedom and safety in these United States of AMERICA.

Our Soldiers

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Drug Growers Moving Our Way

By Norm Judd, Senior Staff Writer

Alarm is growing among residents that our local forest might become prime territory for "illegals" growing marijuana.

L.A. sheriffs, Forest Service Law Enforcement, and other federal agents recently raided pot farm locations in Lake Hughes, (June issue, *Mountain Yodeler*) Leona Valley, and earlier in Juniper Hills.

According to our Resident Deputy Bob Schneider, on April 26 he arrested two armed illegal aliens, one a parolee, who were setting up a pot grow on forest property behind The Painted Turtle in Lake Hughes, even plugging into their water tank.

Deputy Schneider said, "Pasqual Padilla, 34, of Lancaster and Joel Young, 25, of Littlerock, were using a fairly new black Hummer registered to someone in Panorama City. Inside we found a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with slugs, PVC pipe, irrigation drippers, fertilizer, a large quantity of pot seed, receipts for camping gear, and a large Doberman dog. Neither suspect would elaborate about those items."

Schneider continued, "We booked them at Palmdale Station for 'Cultivation of marijuana,' and 'Possession of a firearm during a felony.' Based on my report, Young, the parolee, agreed to a plea bargain and got 17 months in prison. Padilla was deported back to Mexico."

On June 4, Deputy Schneider assisted in another raid of a pot grow in Leona Valley. He reported, "The grow was spotted by helicopter and we airlifted out more than 5100 pot plants. The site was near110 West & N8 and was probably accessed from Spunky Edison Road and Leona Divide. So far there were no arrests but the investigation is continuing."

While these email excerpts may not be exact quotes, they do indicate considerable alarm among residents. From one who attended the Acton Town Council meeting in June:

"—Deputy Ferrell discussed the huge pot farm in Leona Valley accessed from Pacific Crest Trail and Edison Roads – very sophisticated – " Re: the Juniper Hills grow a resident wrote, " – booby traps with fishing line set up to kill the horse – one spear on each side – mine-type traps that look like small plants – be careful hiking or riding horseback. They (growers) have moved to our area because of the Station Fire -- " "--this is likely the cartel, and anything is now possible. If you see them – turn and leave; they will kill you. Do not investigate, just turn it in – "

Another resident opined that since forest fires had destroyed concealment between La Canada and Acton, pot growers have moved to our area. Yet another wonders if the growers may be responsible for recent burglaries and if they started a structure fire in Leona Valley.

A resident near the Leona Valley pot grow told *The Yodeler*, "My neighbor's caretaker confronted two men in an unmarked flatbed truck driving on their property who could have been involved. They lied that they were looking for abandoned vehicles."

At the Lakes Town Council meeting on June 5, 2010 Community Policing Deputy Rob Ferrell told this writer, "These guys will kill you and leave you in the brush!" Deputy Schneider emphasized, "I want to warn folks in The Lakes & Valleys so they will be safe. These grows are far from homes and on forest property. Growers don't want attention so if left alone they probably aren't going to harm anyone. But if anyone messes with their operation there is little doubt that they would shoot." While neither deputy could say definitely that cartels are involved, it is curious that "illegal aliens" have guns, vehicles, seeds, and other means to raise pot.

Advice to residents: Both Deputies Schneider and Ferrell emphasized that residents can help them keep this activity out of our area by reporting suspicious activity. Call Deputy Schneider or Ferrell at 272-2400. You will be kept anonymous.

John and Dorthy Mays

Gayle Kaye (shown with husband Pete) coordinated the Cherry Parade again this year. Photo: Janice Gantenbein.

Green Valley Citizen of the Month

By Glenn McConnell, staff writer

In 1968, when John and Dorthy Mays made Green Valley their home, San Francisquito Canyon was just a goat trail. Access by vehicle was via Bouquet Canyon Road and then up Spunky Canyon to Green Valley. John and Dorthy raised three children in Green Valley. Julie (who use to babysit my kids), who now lives in Long Island, New York and has three kids. Julie's husband was *the pastor at our Green Valley Bible for a short period several years ago. John and Dorthy's other daughter, Carla, is living in Cedar City, Utah and has one child. Their son John has two kids.* John passed away several years ago at the age of 45.

John and Dorthy tied the knot in holy matrimony a mere 59 years ago. They met in El Paso, Texas when John was 20 years old and Dorthy was 18 years old. John was working for El Paso Natural Gas as a welder and as a mechanic. Prior to working in El Paso, John served three years in the United States Navy. John was born in Huston, Texas and Dorthy hailed from Albuquerque.

This past March, John passed away. Dorthy has chosen to stay in Green Valley. Her daughter-in-law, Carrie, lives with Dorthy. They live in the home John build 18 years ago, located on Mays Mountain. They have a wonderful view of our valley.

For years, Dorthy worked as a real estate agent. After 40 years, John retired from Local 12 (Operating Engineers) as a heavy equipment operator.

Both John and Dorthy have been active in Green Valley community affairs. They were always available to assist our local water district and community club. On several occasions they opened up their home for weddings.

Motorhoming has been a passion for John and Dorthy. Their trips range from the Kern River to the High Sierras and 11 trips to New York. On the way, John and Dorthy love to go antiquing and if they could barter that was even better.

Dorthy's dad was a man of integrity and John tried to model his life after him. Both John and Dorthy were always available to help out friends, neighbors and family.

A great day for John and Dorthy was at Ventura beach enjoying a meal at *Andrea's Restaurant*. They love listening to Eddy Arnold and have fond memories of their German shepherd, "Lucky."

Here's what a few of our local folks have to say about *John and Dorthy*. Bob Garth said, "John and Dorthy are always willing to help folks and share an encouraging word." Larry and Judy Rankin shared, "John and Dorthy are our level-headed friends who always turn our big problems into little ones. You can always count on them to cover your back. Their marriage was the epitome of togetherness, an enduring love for each other. John was a pack' in buddy who stayed on the horse to the trail's end."

John and Dorthy have truly been a blessing to Green Valley. It's folks like them that make Green Valley such a great place to live. You folks are one of Green Valley's finest and I salute you.

Honorary Mayor's News:

Blessings of Baby Barn Owls

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By Allaire Koslo

Our Lakes motto, "Where Nature is Your Neighbor" came true for us, five times over! We have been blessed with quintuplets in our barn on Munz Ranch Road. Five baby barn owlets are now ready to fly. Watching them grow has been an amazing journey.

It is no wonder we use the analogy of being like birds, who must be nurtured by our parents, but then grow up and eventually become independent souls and leave the nest.

In 1854 Henry David Thoreau wrote in Walden: "I rejoice that there are owls. Let them do the idiotic and maniacal hooting for men. It is a sound admirably suited to swamps and twilight woods which no day illustrates, suggesting a vast and underdeveloped nature which men have not recognized. They represent the stark twilight and unsatisfied thoughts which all have."

The life expectancy of a barn owl is quite short, often only one year. In order to survive for a longer period, perhaps wisdom is a requirement. "A wise old owl sat on an oak; *The more he saw the less he spoke, The less he spoke the more he heard, Why aren't we like that wise old bird?"* (1883, author unknown).

My theme this past year has often been about how our days are numbered. If one only had one year to live, what would one do?

Kris Allen's popular song "Live Like We're Dying" asks these questions. How would we behave differently; how would we treat ourselves, others and our surroundings? What wisdom do we have to impart?

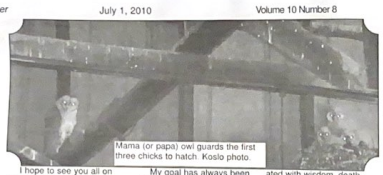
Three of us recently climbed Grass Mountain. It was not a particularly difficult hike, and each of us were lost in our own thoughts.

Our fellow hiker, Frank Toothaker disappeared. As my daughter and I made the summit, we heard hooting from one of the tall pine trees. Up in the tree was Frank! What a hoot! Ha, ha. Getting to the top of the mountain made us all feel better.

We can all feel better through stewardship and treating the tiniest seed and the tallest tree with reverence and respect. No one person can solve the world's problems. If we connect more to nature, then perhaps we can connect with each other on a more profound level. We can work to clean up our Mother Earth, and can react in solidarity to a disaster or a devastating oil spill such as we now experience.

I seek what most people look for in life: love, a sense of belonging, respect, truth and to live simply. Let us seek understanding and connection to each other with more passion and maybe our brief time on earth will be more blissful and will enhance all of our existences.

Confucius (559-479 B.C.) tells us: "By three methods we may learn wisdom: first, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third, by experience, which is the most bitter."



Mama (or papa) owl guards the first three chicks to hatch. Koslo photo.

I hope to see you all on Saturday evening, July 31, when our Lakes Community celebrates 49er Day and the local Honorary Mayor shall be crowned.

I completed the 50 kilometer race we had in Lake Hughes on April 17, 2010. And, I ask you to send $1 for every kilometer I ran to benefit our non-profit Lakes Community Center. Only $1 per kilometer. You get raffle tickets for prizes given out at our 49er's Day (need not be present to win). Or if that is not feasible how about donating a quarter or half-dollar per kilometer? So it could be $12.50 or $25. In these economic times I understand and appreciate some affordability options.

I thank you from my heart. Checks to: Lakes Community Center Association or LCCA and please mail them today to: Allaire for Hon. Mayor, P. O. Box 371, Lake Hughes, CA 93532 or call 661.609.1481 or email:allaire@igc.org or find me and "friend" me on Facebook! I shall fill out your tickets for you with your name and telephone number.

Being Honorary Mayor of the Lakes Communities is purely a fundraising position without any politics involved. It is not an elected position. It is like the Yoga I teach. One makes of the position what one wants. It is a position of giving of oneself, of service and volunteerism. Or as Mr. Shakespeare says "As You Like it" or "What You Will."

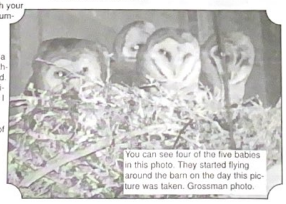
My goal has always been to be a great goodwill ambassador for our Lakes Communities, much like Mr. Johnny Grant, who was Hollywood's Honorary Mayor. My goals are consistent and unwavering: preserve our beautiful lakes, be green and clean. Give a hoot, don't pollute. So please buy raffle tickets from all four candidates for Honorary Mayor. Maybe you shall win a prize, or better yet, you will feel good knowing that you donated towards the conservation of a historical building, our Lakes Community Center built in 1934.

The babies are growing quickly. Toothaker photo.

Owls have been associated with wisdom, death, good luck, misfortune, magic and wealth. Japanese for owl is "fukurou", literally translated: life without hardship.

Owl symbols are often given to Japanese couples upon marriage.

May our local owls be a positive symbol of a healthy ecosystem, good fortune, wealth, and wisdom.



You can see four of the five babies in this photo. They started flying around the barn on the day this picture was taken. Grossman photo.

49er's Day

Building the Future Preserving the Past

Parade

Queens, Grand Marshal
Volunteers on Patrol
Mayoral candidates
Tribute to local veterans

Parade starts at 10 am

Saturday, July 31

Parade: 10 a.m.
Festival: 11 am to 1:30 a.m.

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5:30-9:30 pm The Soulutionaries
10:30 pm-1:30 am Roby Duron

Raffle Prizes

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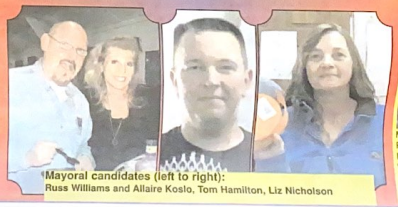

Mayoral candidates (left to right):
Russ Williams and Allaire Koslo, Tom Hamilton, Liz Nicholson

Raffle Prizes

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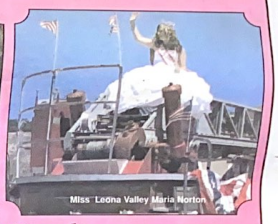
Sertoma Run for Fun

Little Miss Leona Valley Gymkhana Queen, Olivia McCollum.



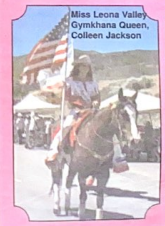
Miss Leona Valley Maria Norton

Leona Valley Cherry Parade

Photos: Dahlia Grossman

Junior Miss Leona Valley Amie Fitzpatrick

Parade judge Dr. Dave



Miss Leona Valley Gymkhana Queen, Colleen Jackson

Lazy T Ranch

Mike Waters (left) and Rich Thomas of Sertoma

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In Days of Yore

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Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs -- thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

Thanks to Jean Morton for submitting this article.

WEATHER OR NOT?

Weather data for Elizabeth Lake area (Elevation 3450 ft.)
By Tom Kaucher
May 2010

Temperature
High- 85° on 5-30
Low- 35 on 23°
Average High- 68.6°
Average Low- 44.6
Average Temperature- 56.6°
Lowest High- 53°on 5-23
Highest Low- 55° on 5-16

Precipitation
Precipitation- 0.31" (0.15" Below Average, 0.29" Above Last Year
Seasonal Precipitation (7-1-09 to 5-31-10) – 27.04" (4.33" Above Average, 8.65" Above Last Year)

Outlook for July 2010

The morning low clouds and fog should be gone as we enter July. Expect an increase in the chances of thunderstorms throughout the month. The daytime highs will range from the low 80s to high 90s with several days in the 100s.

July Averages and Records

Temperature
High- 112° in 2000
Low- 43° in 1987
Average high- 90.9°
Average Low- 59.6°
Average Temperature- 75.3°

Precipitation
Average Precipitation- .07"
2009 Precipitation- 0.00"
Greatest Precipitation- 0.58" in 1992

Averages and records only depict data since 1976.

Did you know?
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Shown in the photo are (back row, left to right): Karl Pearcy, Barbara Grosskrueuz, Bev Brownfield, Charlene Moore, Juanita Kirkpatrick, Mary Thomas; front row, left to right: Kathy Toso and Linda Lorenz. Those in the photo were installed on July 13 at the home of Linda Lorenz. Grossman photo

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2. Lazy T
2. Georgia"s God Mothers
3. Lessons by Tania
Charros
1. Casa Gutierrez
Judges Trophy - went to AV Queens.
Judges
Equestrian: T. Switzer - Tehachapi
Cars: Sandy Miller - Leona Valley
Floats & Miscellaneous: Rick Butler and Dr. Dave - Leona Valley, Liann Akiki - No. Hollywood
Walking Units & Queen's Cars: Stan and Rhonna Lockshin - Palmdale
Signup and registration duties were handled by Liann Akiki and Jim Coburn.

Coming Events: Leona Valley

Sock Hop

Everyone please MARK YOUR CALENDAR for two fundraising events. The first event will be the "Happy Days" 1950s era Sock Hop, scheduled for September 18 from 5-9 pm and will be held at the Leona Valley Community Building, 8367 Elizabeth lake Road. The price is yet to be determined so check future advertisement.

This family event is sponsored by **Rally Auto Group** and hosted by **LV Sertoma** for the purpose of raising enough money to purchase classroom sound systems for local elementary schools. These sound systems have proved to enhance the communication between teacher and student, as well as lift the children's self esteem.

Rock n' Roll to Jim Scimonetti's "Boys Nite Out." Hula Hoop contest, best 50s era costume contest and dance contest. Root beer floats, burgers and hot dogs, mac n'cheese, nostalgic candy, 50/50 drawing AND a silent auction with a signed children's book by Henry Winkler up for grabs.

There will be a small classic car display and wine tasting provided at the upper level Heritage Park at an additional cost to help offset expenses of the 1915 era schoolhouse. Remember that this will be an affordable event and fun for the entire family. At this time it is a "work in progress." For details or questions call Jan Clark 661-270-9268.

Chili and Cobbler Cookoff

The second event is the very first Chili and Cobbler Cook Off - "The Ultimate Throw Down" – Hosted by **LVIA** – taking place on October 23 from 5-9 – held at 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road. You can boot – scoot and boogie to a live country western band, enjoy a bit of line dance instruction and devour *the best burgers, chili beans and beer in town.* This is also a fun family fundraising event to kick off the true Autumn season. The cost is yet to be determined so look for future details.

Everyone put your thinking caps on and decide on your favorite recipe and if you want to enter the cookoff call Jan Clark at 661-270-9268.

BOTH OF THESE EVENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO PLACE ON YOUR CALENDAR. YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.

We would love to meet our neighbors from the Lakes, Green Valley and Three Points at these events too!

Young Marines lead the Cherry Parade.

The High Desert Organic Gardener

By Robert Kerekes
Contributing writer

Lately the number of visitors to my place has increased and a common recurring question is how do I control pests without insecticides? *Sometimes I detect a look of incredulity. I have to say I have been at a loss for words.*

I think we have been indoctrinated to believe we must use pesticides to control pest problems. Pst. It isn't true. When anyone uses pesticides in their gardens they are poisoning everything, including themselves.

Think about the bees that everyone needs. I realize that many people do not comprehend that we all need those bees. Most people will only realize their great dependence on bees when they go to the grocery market and can't find many of their favorite foods, and those they do find are super expensive.

Another problem for people who visit my place is that it is not tidy, neat, or well manicured, which is what most people expect from a successful organic gardening operation. I am sure some first-time visitors arrive at my place, take a quick look, and move on.

One of the tenets of organic gardening/farming is to maximize the forces of nature. Organic growers do not grow monoculturally and they make sure they have plenty of wilderness area. Monoculture farming, the farming of one crop only over large areas, creates the perfect conditions for pest problems, which then causes the need for pesticides.

The use of pesticides causes the loss of natural predators and the loss of nearby wilderness causes the loss of natural habitat for predators (and pollinators), which all causes an even greater need for pesticides.

I have to include in all of this our war mentality. War on this, war on that, got to destroy and kill all those blah, blah, blah. And after all these decades with the use of all these pesticides, have we won anything? All indications keep telling us we are losing. We are producing *huge amounts of poor quality, toxic foods, all of which is unsustainable.*

Back to my not using insecticides and having an untidy environment.

My worst pest problem since I have been here has been aphids on various coles like broccoli and collards. When I first started growing here there were no ladybugs; I had to buy them and they did not tend to stay here. So I had to buy them again, and again. I had a tendency, even with aphid overproduction, not to spray.

As my aphid population grew, so did my ladybug population. Now I have ladybugs everywhere, all year long, on almost everything. I've even discovered nests right here. But in order to have ladybug nests one needs untidy places, pileups of debris, a little wilderness.

This year my over wintered broccoli and collards started having aphids near the end of their productivity and the collards were going to seed and of course I need some new seed. I pulled some up and fed them to the poultry and sure enough, there were plenty of aphids on some bottom leaves. I kept my eyes on the collards going to seed and they did well. One day I checked them out and found no aphids anywhere. They were all gone.

I don't have leaf hoppers like I used to either and I'm not sure what has reduced their numbers. Thrips have almost disappeared, I don't why.

Last year I had the worst infestation of grapeleaf skeletonizers ever. They completely denuded my largest grapevine and this year I had to cut it back more than I wanted to.

Grapeleaf skeletonizers are small, brilliant black and yellow banded caterpillars born on the undersides of grape leaves. They eat all the meat of the leaf and leave the skeleton. The daytime flyer adult is a small, very dark bluish moth that does not really look like a moth, as its wings are narrow.

They showed up a few years ago on my neighbors large grapevines and he sprayed with some toxic poison, which did seem to eliminate the pests and the vine's leaves grew back. Obviously it did not get rid of them and since no natural predators were introduced, or came along on their own, after a few seasons, they returned with a vengeance.

Natural predators would be parasitic wasps and flies. Those predators, like many others, need nectar and pollen for food so if there are not enough of those plants, or not the right kind, they will not stay in the area.

If they are not here, they need to be introduced and they are available from Peaceful Valley. Also, for any caterpillars on any plants the bacteria Bacillus thuringiensis variant kurstaki is most commonly used and is also available from Peaceful Valley.

The Garden Co-op meets monthly on the second Saturday at 3 pm at my place. July's meeting is on the 10th. Call or e-mail me for directions.

For the October meeting we will have a Harvest Festival. All participants must bring a dish made from their own harvest, and that can include meat.

Buy local, not global.

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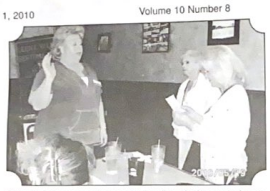


BillyeJo Johnson installs Jeanette Lundberg for her second term as president of the Lakes Woman's Club.

Big Kids' Book Corner:
Crazy Jack and *The Magic Circle*
by Donna Jo Napoli

Reviewed By Dawn Baertlein, contributing writer

Donna Jo Napoli's retellings of classic fairytales enliven the old stories with colorful psychological details about characters we previously knew in stark black and white. Two of these stories, both told from unique perspectives, are The Magic Circle and Crazy Jack.

In The Magic Circle we get an in-depth study of the witch from Hansel and Gretel. The beginning of the book shows the woman as a pure-hearted healer and midwife, working tirelessly for the welfare of her friends and neighbors.

The witch she becomes is not at all what she would have chosen to be, but was rather the result of trickery by the devil's minions. When the villagers decide to burn her at the stake, she flees deep into the forest where she will be safe, and where she can do no more harm to others.

By painting a back story for a witch we have always known as a black-hearted eater of children, Napoli makes the reader feel sympathy and even love for the maligned character. The story also caused me look more closely at the "villains" in my own world and wonder what might have driven them to their wickedness.

Crazy Jack is a retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk. If you've ever wondered what could possibly inspire that supposedly dim-witted Jack to sell his family's last asset (a cow) for a handful of colored beans, here you go.

Napoli's retelling doesn't paint Jack as dim-witted from birth. His madness stems from witnessing the supposed death and possible suicide of his beloved father. For an additional twist, as a result of Jack's episodes of insanity, his childhood sweetheart and only love chooses to marry another more stable fellow, driving Jack even further over the edge.

Just as in the original telling, Jack's magic beans grow into a giant beanstalk. And just as in the original story, he climbs it to find a cannibalistic giant hungering for the blood of an Englishman with shouts of "Fee. Fi. Fo. Fum."

While the treasures Jack steals from the giant lose some of their luster once he gets them back to the real world, Jack's ability to make these smaller treasures into something worthy is a good lesson for us all.

Both novels are recommended for ages 12 and up, and both are thought provoking reads with compelling historical settings.

Happy Reading!

History: Old-Time Quilting Bees Revived at Lake Hughes

Photo: Like old times. Members of quilting bee group in Lake Hughes area shown working on old style design quilt. Members meet at ranch homes and usually complete quilt in a day, with time out for lunch. *Reprinted from L.A. Times.*

Reprinted from Los Angeles Times, Sat. June 3, 1950

Lake Hughes, June 2 – The ancient art of quilting is enjoying a revival in this Antelope Valley community.

Quilting bees have been a regular weekly event here for many months and there is no indication that the supply of quilts to be worked on is running low.

These are neighborly affairs, strictly informal, with invitations issued by word of mouth that anyone is welcome to come and share in the work.

A quilt is usually finished in one day. The pieced quilt is brought by its owner to the home appointed for the day and stretched on a big wooden frame, together with the batting and lining.

Sitting around the frame, women ply busy needles in running-stitch around the outline of the designs. They work from the outside edge toward the center, rolling the quilt inward as they progress.

Piecing the quilt is usually done by one woman and may take months to accomplish, with the time-hallowed designs of quilting tradition still prevailing as favorites.

Some women are fortunate enough to have heirlooms pieced by great-aunt or grandmother, but which have never been quilted. These old quilts are treasured and add great interest to the quilting bees.

The owner of the quilt has one obligation – to provide lunch for the group. While as many as 14 may be present during the day, some may stay only a few hours. In a community where homes are relatively isolated from one another, the quilting bee provide a splendid opportunity to visit neighbors and catch up on latest gossip.

Children and dogs add their cheerful note of confusion to these gatherings, usually held in one of several comfortable farmhouses nestled at the base of pine and manzanita-covered mountains. If you stroll outside you may see geese and peacock promenading past honest-to-goodness barns which are used for square dancing on Saturday nights.

The simple, wholesome pleasures of another era have been evoked in this fine community, as neighborly women gather and produce the heirlooms of tomorrow.

Fancy One–Ruth Lewis holds quilt completed by group in design having glamor name "Hollywood Star."

If you see news happening, call The Mountain Yodeler at 724-1293 or 965-2201.

Green Valley Town Council

By Mary Jo Steele, contributing writer

The Green Valley Town Council meeting was held on June 9, 2010 at the Green Valley Charitable Hall.

Next on the agenda was the Sheriffs Report. Deputy Schneider wanted the residents of Green Valley and surrounding areas to be aware of the increase in marijuana growing activity in our area. Due to the Station fire last year these criminals are now moving into our mountains. The bust he reported last week was at Edison Road and Leona Divide Road. Unfortunately none of the criminals were apprehended. But the deputies were able to destroy about 1,000 lbs of marijuana.

The raid in Juniper Hills was more successful with the apprehension of some of the criminals. The Juniper Hills raid was possible because some horseback riders saw unusual activity on a trail that was familiar. These criminals are armed and not to be approached. Deputy Schneider requested that anyone who sees unusual activity in an area they are riding or hiking in to not "check it out" but call the Palmdale Sheriff station and they will look into it. Also if you see someone around town that looks suspicion to contact the Palmdale Sheriff Department at 272-2400.

There has also been some malicious mischief by kids lately. The incidents included snakes in mail boxes. Again, if you see any groups of kids in places they should not be please contact the Sheriff's Department and they will look into it. They have zero tolerance for this type of "fun."

The next topic was the organization for the feasibility study to stop the Barren Ridge Transmission Lines from going through Green Valley. President Kimmel stressed the importance of being ahead of the issue by contacting the proper departments NOW. The mistake that cannot be made is to wait until the decision is made and try to legally change it.

DWP is in favor of the Green Valley Route (2) because their lines already come through here. President Kimmel said the plan is to put together a package including all the letters, petitions, and impact studies the community is doing and present it to the decision makers before the issue comes up for a vote by L.A. City Council. Some of the subjects in the feasibility study that need to be done are environmental, property values, and human health.

Warren BeMiller called for help from the community for ideas and research. If we are going to succeed in this project it is going to take an effort from those who are going to be affected: the citizens of Green Valley. If you have any time to devote to this very important issue please contact President Kimmel at 270-9578 or email at djlegal@netzero.com. This is going to be a long battle and the community needs to stay aware.

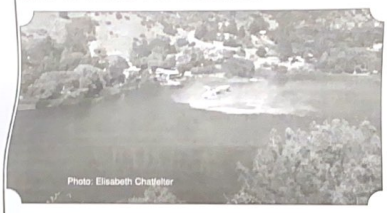
Norm Hickling, deputy to Supervisors Antonovich, said this is also the time to contact Congressman McKeon's office and the L. A. City Council and let them know how we feel about this destruction of our rural beauty in Green Valley.

The next meeting will be 7 pm on July 14. WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION IN PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF GREEN VALLEY.

We hope to see you there!

Don't miss the Fourth of July Parade!

June 17 Forest Fire (see page 1for article)



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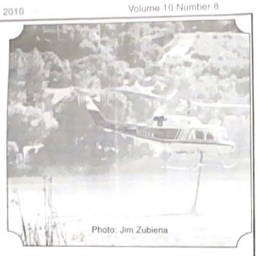

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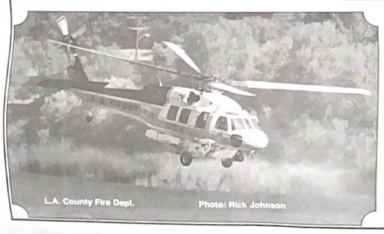

L.A. County Fire Dept. Photo: Rick Johnson

Thanks to everyone who sent me photos of the helicopters fighting the forest fire. I love getting your pictures. This is truly what makes *The Yodeler* a community newspaper.

The editor.

If you see news happening, call the Yodeler at 724-1293 or 965-2201.

Fire Safe Council, Waste Management Hold Free Chipping Days

Green Valley volunteers

By Laura "cha" Vernetti, contributing writer

The free chipping days for Valleys and Lakes residents was another successful. It is a wonder where all the brush comes but it arrived by the truckload, pretty much nonstop all day at both events in Green Valley and Lakes Hughes

A big thanks needs to go to WASTE MANAGEMENT for their continued support by supplying the special "green" bins at no charge. We would also like to thank the others who made this event a success: USDA Forest Service Engine 35, Texas Canyon Hotshots, Explorer Post 101, Fire Safe Council crew and board members, Green Valley Charitable Hall, Lakes Community Center Association, Vonnie McCullah, Dick and Bev Brownfield, Terry Brown, Bob, Patty and Valerie Waite, Ray Bienapfl, Tom and Linda Joynt, Annie Maramenta, Angie Wojbe, Michelle Diament, Miss Lakes Sarah Fitzgerald, Little Miss Lakes Elyse Carrol and Donna Carroll. The efforts of these people and the support of the residents aids in our goal to make our communities FIRE SAFE.

Green Valley CERT Graduates

Congratulations to the 18 Green Valley residents who successfully completed the training for CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team). Green Valley is following the other communities in forming a Green Valley CERT squad.

We have had two meetings so far. The next meeting is July 21 at 7 pm at the GVCH. We hope more of the Green Valley CERT trained residents will join us at our next meeting. Please call or email Ron Sardisco at 270-9074 or rsardisco1@mac.com or the FSC at 270-9911.

If you any questions please call the Fire Safe Council at 270-9911. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, varying among our communities. Our next two meetings are July 7 in Lake Hughes and August 4 in Green Valley. We look forward to seeing you. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and "brush fire" free 4th of July.

Please remember there are NO FIREWORKS allowed anywhere in our communities.

The crew at work.

Lakes queens helped serve food at Lake Hughes event. Vonnie McCullah picks up an order

Ray Bienapfl dishes out seconds to Darren Kaye in Green Valley. Photos: Cha Vernetti.

To Your Health! *A Healthier Alternative to Fish Oil*

By Dr. Joel Fuhrman
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Omega-3 fats are healthy fats that reduce inflammation, inhibit cancer development and protect our blood vessels. The basic building block of omega-3 fat is alpha linolenic acid (ALA). ALA can be found in most nuts and seeds, but are particularly rich in chia seeds, flax seeds, hemp seeds, walnuts and leafy green vegetables. Most people do not get enough of these ALA-rich foods in their diet.

Additionally, our bodies are capable of converting only a small amount of these short chain fats (ALA) to long chain omega-3 fats, called docoshexanoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA). And apparently we have varying abilities to do so; some people eating sufficient ALA from greens, seeds and walnuts can achieve adequate levels, while others cannot. Conversion of ALA by the body to these longer-chain fatty acids is : <5-10% for EPA and only 2-5% for DHA1.

These long-chain omega-3 fatty acids are also produced by marine algae, which serve as a source of DHA and EPA in fish. Although, some species of fatty fish are a good source of EPA and DHA, unfortunately, it's one of the most polluted foods which we eat as a result of the dumping of toxic waste and raw sewage into our oceans.

Fish and some fish oils have been shown to contain fat soluble petrochemicals, such as PCBs and dioxins. Fish also contains mercury.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 12 women of childbearing age in the United States have unsafe mercury levels (and the CDCs threshold for safety is high). Multiple studies have illustrated most of the body's mercury load comes from the consumption of fish.

Therefore, with all of this concern it can not be considered a safe source of these healthy fats.

There are, however, highly purified fish oils that are not contaminated. Many brands still have a high degree of rancidity and taste foul and cause indigestion. Nevertheless, depleting our oceans of fish is not a sensible solution for the world's omega-3 needs.

If you choose to consume fish, there are some that are less contaminated than others. (See DrFuhrman.com for more information on choosing fish.)

In drawing blood levels of EPA and DHA in my patients, I find that a large percentage of individuals do not have optimal levels of DHA. I often see patients eating otherwise excellent diets with dry skin, seborrheic dermatitis and other signs of DHA deficiency.

Fortunately, vegetable-derived DHA is an alternative. Laboratory cultivated DHA is made from microalgae and is a pure form of DHA. It is grown in the laboratory, not collected in the wild. It has no mercury or other toxins.

DHA is one of the crucial building blocks of human brain tissue. Assuring adequacy has been shown to protect against dementia, depression, inflammatory diseases, attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), allergies, and to offer significant benefits for overall cardiovascular health.

Early in life, DHA is supplied via the placenta and from breast milk. While adequate DHA is particularly important for pregnant and nursing women and young children, it is beneficial for all ages!

Be careful of other unhealthy sources of DHA

Some nutritional advisors encourage consuming high amounts of flax seed oil to promote the conversion of enough DHA. I do not agree. First of all, unlike the whole seeds, flax seed oil is an empty calorie food with little or no vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and flavonoids left after the extraction process.

Furthermore, there is data to suggest that the consumption of high doses of ALA from flax oil may increase, not decrease, the risk of prostate cancer. In contrast, flax seed consumption has been shown in multiple studies to lower the risk of both breast cancer and prostate cancer.

Since the ability to self-convert short chain ALA into long-chain DHA is so variable from person to person, to assure omega-3 optimization, I advise people obtain omega-3 fats by consuming the cleaner, plant sources such as walnuts, flax, chia, and hemp seeds and by also taking a daily DHA supplement like my DHA Purity. My DHA Purity is a laboratory cultivated DHA product made from microalgae. It is a pure form of DHA without environmental contamination or unnecessary disruption of our ocean life.

DHA Purity comes in a purified liquid form of very highly concentrated DHA so that it can be digested easier and hidden easily in food. The children's dose is just one drop (measurable with a built-in graduated dropper) and easily disguised in their food, soup, drink or oatmeal. Just a few drops delivers a daily dose of essential omega--3 fatty acids (DHA)

Beware: even algae-derived DHA can become rancid if not cared for properly. Often manufacturers and retailers do not safe-guard against rancidity.

Dr. Fuhrman goes to great lengths to deliver the purest and freshest DHA product available on the market today. His DHA Purity is manufactured under strict conditions to ensure purity. Every step of the way, from production to packaging, transportation and storage, this product is kept refrigerated and handled properly to ensure optimal freshness.

Fish with Highest and Lowest Mercury Levels

Highest	Lowest
tilefish	salmon
swordfish	flounder
mackerel	sole
shark	tilapia
white snapper	trout
tuna	

Source: "Mercury levels in seafood species." U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of Seafood, May 2001.

For more information on DHA and other topics, go to DrFuhrman.com or call 1-800-474-WELL(9355).

Spotlight on Women's Health:

What Precautions Should I Take When I am Pregnant or Nursing?

By Joel Fuhrman, M.D.

The developing baby inside you is sensitive to the effects of toxins more so than any other time in its life. It is never too early to start protecting yourself and your unborn child, this should happen before pregnancy occurs. Clearly, there are a lot of dangerous habits to avoid before pregnancy, and there are also a lot of fears women have that are not founded in science or logic.

The real concerns are not microwave ovens, cell phones and hair dryers. The things we know to be really risky for you and your unborn children are:

Caffeine
Nicotine, including second-hand smoke
Alcohol
Medications both over-the-counter and prescription drugs
Herbs and high dose supplements, vitamin A
Fish, mollusks, shellfish and sushi (raw fish)
Hot tubs and saunas
Radiation
Household cleaners and paint thinners
Raw milk and cheese
Cat litter
Soft cheeses and blue veined cheese such as feta, Roquefort and Brie
Artificial colors, nitrates and MSG
Deli meats, luncheon meats, hot dogs and undercooked meats

When a pregnant woman uses drugs, even aspirin, she and her unborn child can face serious health problems. Because something is natural or purchased in a health food store, it does not mean that it is safe. Herbal remedies work because of their medicinal properties from naturally occurring toxins; they are not health food. I also advise against dying your hair during pregnancy.

Toxoplasmosis and listeria are two infectious agents recognized to be dangerous to your unborn child. If you have a cat, only change the litter wearing disposable gloves. By avoiding raw dairy products, soft cheeses and undercooked meats, you can reduce the risk of contacting listeria.

Caffeine has been a controversial topic for decades. Evidence clearly concludes that heavy coffee drinkers have increased risk of spontaneous abortion and low birth weight in infants, but the evidence is not clear for moderate users of caffeine. Nevertheless: it is wise to stay away from as many toxic substances as possible. The bottom line is, if in doubt, don't do it.

Crimes Must Be Reported

By Norm Judd, senior staff writer

The Mountain Yodeler recently received a letter to the editor asking for help to stop a "rash of crimes, including vandalism" in Green Valley. Before that, a brief mention was made of such crimes in the Sheriff's Report, May 2010 issue.

When Resident Deputy Bob Schneider was interviewed, he stated, "I'm on top of statistics for all reported crimes, and I don't know of a 'rash' of them in Green Valley."

The key is "reported!" And even though deputies may hear complaints at town council meetings, formal reports contain vital clues and are also necessary to justify the time spent by deputies on a particular problem.

Schneider assured, "That doesn't mean I won't help, and I wish there were more cars out here, but when the reports are added up at the station, the area with the most gets more attention."

At The Lakes Town Council meeting in June when Deputy Schneider, who works alone, mentioned his frequent need for a "backup," every hand in the audience rose in unison, indicating their support for our deputy. You can support him by reporting all crimes.

In keeping with Deputy Schneider's policy of an open sheriff/community partnership, The Mountain Yodeler will publish and bring to his attention any problem that reaches us, but please make a report even if it must be anonymous.

Green Valley now has a Pro-Active CERT *team*

Our most recent CERT class in Green Valley was a huge success. We now have 33 new CERT graduates from this class. L.A. County Fire Engineer Steve Harper donated his time to teaching the class for three Saturdays in May.

We had a barbecue lunch, bought emergency supplies from vendor Noel Cobos of Emergency Disaster System, and Tim Fuller from Hunter Dodge donated backpacks and supplies for all 33 graduates. We had an exciting and educational exercise on the last day of class.

A big thank you to Green Valley for the use of the Green Valley Community Hall and to Vonnie McCullah for doing all the groundwork to make this class happen.

Robin Kennard, Lakes & Valleys Team Captain
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Painted Turtle to Sponsor Bike Ride

Strap on your helmet and get ready to BIKE! The Painted Turtle will be holding its Inaugural Camp Challenge Bike Ride on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at camp!

Whether you are an avid cyclist or haven't ridden a bike for a while, our three routes are perfect for any experience level. Choose from an 18-mile loop, a 36-mile loop, or a 62-mile loop.

For more information about getting involved, click here or contact Nicholas T. Holden at bikeride@thepaintedturtle.org or at 310-451-1353, xtn. 107. See you at the finish line!

The bride and groom, Gigi and Norm Judd.

The Judds Celebrate Their 60th Anniversary

Norm and Gigi Judd of Lake Hughes were married July 29, 1950 in Gardena, California just after high school. Gigi was 17 and Norm was 18 and they had been sweethearts for more than three years.

An anniversary dinner will be held in their honor in Salem, Oregon, where the whole family will congregate for granddaughter Robin Judd's wedding to Jimmy Scialabba on July 11, 2010.

About their many yeas together, Norm said, "At her 14th birthday party I knew God created her for me. It must have been love because I had nothing to offer but myself and a '36 Chevy!

Being old fashioned, we fell in love, married, and *then we had two fine sons* who provided us with four grandchildren, including Robin. We took our vows seriously and love and devotion got us over any rough spots.

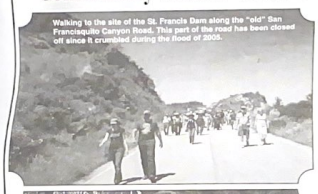
I pray that Robin and Jimmy will be as happy for as many years."

A recent picture of the Judds.

Robin Judd will marry on July 11.

Community Center Visits St. Francis Dam Site

Photos: Tom Joynt



Walking to the site of the St. Francis Dam along the "old" San Francisquito Canyon Road. This part of the road has been closed off since it crumbled during the flood of 2005.

Members of the tour group gazes at remnants of St. Francis Dam.

Resting at the Ruiz cemetary.

The Ruiz family were victims of the tragedy.

The Lakes Community Center sponsored tour of the St. Francis Dam was completed June 19, 2010. Sixty one history buffs met at the center for a movie about the famous disaster and then went by car caravan to the site on San Francisquito Canyon Road. Participants walked through the very spot on which the dam was built.

On March 12, 1928, the dam failed and the rushing water headed downstream, taking everything in its path. More than 400 people were killed.

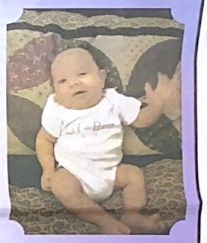
The tour group also visited a small, private cemetery where some of the victims of the disaster are buried.

A $5 fee was requested and the funds helped the Lakes Community Building Improvement Fund.

Watch The Mountain Yodeler for information on future historical tours and events.

Sertoma awarded scholarships to the following local students: (l-r) Tyler Bond, Jennifer Crockett, Eric Goodchild, Andrew Ganske, Grace Yun and Rhianna Mitchell. Tyler graduated from Quartz Hill and will study aerospace engineering at Purdue. Jennifer graduated from Desert Christian High and will study art at Westmont College. Eric was home schooled by his mother Ellen and will attend AV College, then transfer to Cal Polytech to study robotics or high voltage design. Andrew will attend AV College, then transfer to Fresno State. Grace graduated from Highland High and plans to study international relations at Pepperdine. Rhianna graduated from Palmdale High and plans to major in zoology and minor in animal psychology at Humboldt State. Photo: Dahlia Grossman.

Joey Mays Duron was born on May 23, 2010 at 4:30 am. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. Joey is the son of Roby and Tanya Duron of Elizabeth Lake. Roby is the leader of the Roby Duron Band, which will play at 49ers Day. Tanya is the proprietor of our local Salon Duron. Congratulations to the Duron family, including Joey's older brother, Frankie!



Left: Congratulations to Bob and Nancy Mallicoat of Leona Valley on the birth of their first great grandchild, Ava Mallicoat, who was born March 20, 2010. Cute little Ava is the daughter of Gina and Matt Chernovetz, the granddaughter of Gary and Linda Mallicoat of Ashland, Oregon, and the grandniece of Christopher Mallicoat and Martha Housel, formerly of Leona Valley.

Congratulations to BillyeJo Johnson (right) of Lake Hughes, who was recently recognized for having been a member of the Woman's Club for 25 years. Making the presentation is Jeanette Lundberg, president of the club.

Anya Beswick's piano students recently held a recital to show their remarkable talent to their friends and families on June 5 at the Moreland residence in Elizabeth Lake. Front row (l-r): Seth Schroeder, Molly Cook, Samantha Hallgren, and Dean Poduska. Back row (l-r) Kasey Moreland, Alison Grant, Rachel Schroeder, Danielle Schroeder, Erik Lundberg. Unable to attend were: Joseph Nielson, Kaytlynn Sharp, Maya Vogel and Ian Smith.

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